

**REPLACEMENT CLAIMS**

1. (Amended) A method for conducting electronic commerce through a computer network, the method comprising:

receiving, in a merchant computer system of the computer network, a purchase request for a digital product;

receiving payment data in the merchant computer system wherein the payment data specifies remuneration for the digital product;

sending a request for reservation of the digital product to a content manager computer system which can be different from the merchant computer system and which is coupled to the merchant computer system through the computer network;

receiving, in the content manager computer system, a delivery request signal from the merchant computer system wherein the delivery request signal requests delivery of the digital product to a client computer system through the computer network;

sending transaction identification data to the client computer system wherein the transaction identification data identifies the digital product and represents remuneration in accordance with the payment data;

receiving, in a delivery computer system of the computer network, the transaction identification data from the client computer system;

determining within the delivery computer system, in accordance with the

20 transaction identification data, the digital product; and  
21 sending, from the delivery computer system, the digital product to the client  
22 computer system.

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10 receiving, from the content manager computer system, voucher data which is  
11 readable by the content manager computer system and which represents to the content  
12 manager computer system a transaction in which the remuneration specified by the  
payment data is exchanged for the digital product.

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